THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) As on 28th February, 1986. there wert 72 cotton textile mills in the country thai were closed, affecting about one lakh workers. As per the information available with the Government management of Empress Mills had put up a notice declaring its intention to close the mill from 5-5-1986 on account of heavy losses.

(c) The proposal for the setting up of 3 rehabilitation fund for workers affected by the permanent closure of textile units his not been finalised so far.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) As envisaged in the New Textile Policy where a Unit has no expectation of becoming viable in a reasonable period of time, there may be no alternative but to allow the unit to close down. Takeover by the Government or nationalisation, of such sick units does not provide soluton to the problems of sickness and the Government would not, as a rule, intervene in such cases. No change is envisaged in this policy.

Sugar samples

1154. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Wil] the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

fa) what is the number of sugar samples taken from sugar factories during the last four years, year-wise and State-wise and the expenditure incurred in collecting the samples;

fb) what action has been taken by Government against those sugar factories which did not confirm to the ISS grade specifications;

(c) what is the number of sugar faclo^ ries, if any, convicted by the courts, State-wise on the ground stated at (b) above; and

(d) whether this had any impact on the quality of sugar supplied through Public Distribution System?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) A statement showing the year-wise and State-wise number of sugar samples drawn, fromi sugar factories during the last four calendar years, i.e. from 1982 to 1985, is attached. *[See* below). The year-wise expenditure involved, by way of TA & DA, i* collecting these samples is given as under:-

Year	Expenditure (Rs.)
1982	34,555·25
1983	34,596·95
1984	39,593·95
1985	43,637·75

fb) (i) 306 warning letters were ed to the defaulting sugar factories to-correctly grade their sugar stocks with: regard to colour before despatch and to be more careful in future in this regard; and

'(H) 45 cases were recommended to the various State Governmentsfor launching prosecutionproceedings against the defaulting sugar factories for contravention of the statutory provisions. 1

(c) These prosecutions are launched by the State Government from whom no - reports have been received so far.

(d) Yes, Sir,